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Happy Christmas to all our readers

St. Andrew's Church Kildwick

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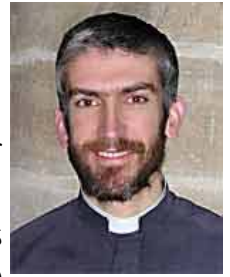
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Parish Mission Statement

CALLED TO BE THE BODY OF CHRIST, WE ARE HERE TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE
WITH ALL PEOPLE,
THROUGH OUTREACH AND SERVICE, IN OUR COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD
THROUGH THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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The Vicar's letter.....



Dear friends,

We are about to enter the season of Advent, the time of preparation for the great celebration of Christmas, the celebration of the birth of our Lord. At Christmas we celebrate that heaven comes down to earth, and earth is lifted up to heaven. The veil is lifted and we are given a glimpse of the glory of God coming to be with his people as one of them, as one of us.

In Jesus we see the human face of God; in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus we see God reaching out to us in love, inviting us to open ourselves to the truth of his presence with us now, today. In the birth of Jesus we see the humility and grace of God; in the death of Jesus we are shown the love and forgiveness of God.

As you hear the story again this year, don't just see it as a nice story of the birth of a baby 2000 years ago; the story still has the power to touch people and change people.

We need to be changed by the good news that God brings to us in Jesus; we need to be challenged and changed by the message of the gospel. As God reaches out to us he speaks words of welcome, words of peace for everyone.

We should grieve then whenever we see this message of welcome and peace for all being abused.

I recently watched the last in a BBC television series titled *Clash of Worlds*. The series told the story of the extraordinary tensions and mutual misunderstandings, wars and reconciliations that have haunted the Christian and Muslim cultures during Imperial Britain's rise and fall and continued to be the cause of so much violence in the 21st century.

The final programme looked at the politically-charged history of Palestine. It explored how decisions made by the British rulers of Palestine 90 years ago – when they supported the idea of a nation state for Jews in Palestine – are still blamed for intensifying a conflict that continues to this day.

I was shocked to learn how the Christian Zionist convictions of the principal political players in 1917 would lead to the eviction of the Arabs from their homeland. As I watched the programme there was almost a sense of embarrassment at being British; how could the Palestinian people be treated so appallingly – making promises knowing they would not be kept; how could our British leaders use religious beliefs to justify their actions?

Watching the programme, it seemed to me that the Palestinians of today have good reason to see the Balfour Declaration of 1917 and the ensuing British rule of Palestine as a simple betrayal of the Arab cause.

The place of Christ's birth remains a battleground and that must be a cause of our continued grieving. Let us not forget that the One whose birth we celebrate is the One whose death we also celebrate; a death that came because Jesus challenged the political leaders of his day in the pursuit of justice and righteousness for all.

God in Jesus came to show us that a love that longs for peace and justice for all is possible. The challenge is to accept that, as one Bishop said recently, 'In the end, there is no one God does not love'.

I hope you will come and join us at our Christmas services this year as we think again about the message of God's radical, inclusive love for his world.

May Jesus find a place in your heart this Christmas.

Robin

The Gospel according to St Matthew

The pattern of readings from the Bible for use in Christian worship is known as the lectionary. Each Sunday three bible readings are prescribed: a passage from the Old Testament, the Apocrypha, or the Acts of the Apostles; another from either the Book of Revelation or the Epistles; and finally a passage from one of the four Gospels.

The pattern of readings runs in three-year cycles; the gospel readings in the first year (Year A) are taken from the Gospel of Matthew, those in the second year (or Year B) from the Gospel of Mark, and in the third year (or Year C) come from the Gospel of Luke. Portions of the Gospel of John are read at certain festivals every year.

On Advent Sunday (2nd December) we begin Year A, so the gospel readings will be from Matthew. Here is a guide to this Gospel.

For convenience, the book can be divided into four structurally distinct sections: Two introductory sections; the main section, which can be further broken into five sections, each with a narrative component followed by a long discourse of Jesus; and finally, the Passion and Resurrection section.

1. Containing the genealogy, the birth, and the infancy of Jesus (Matthew 1; Matthew 2).
2. The discourses and actions of John the Baptist preparatory to Christ's public ministry (Matthew 3; Matthew 4:11).
3. The discourses and actions of Christ in Galilee (4:12–26:1).
 - The Sermon on the Mount, concerning morality (Ch. 5–7)
 - The Missionary Discourse, concerning the mission Jesus gave his Twelve Apostles. (10–11:1)
 - The Parable Discourse, stories that teach about the Kingdom of Heaven (13).
 - The "Church Order" Discourse, concerning relationships among Christians (18–19:1).
 - The Eschatological Discourse, which includes the Olivet Discourse and Judgement of the Nations, concerning his Second Coming and the end of the age (24–25).
4. The sufferings, death and Resurrection of Jesus, the Great Commission (26–28).

The one aim pervading the book is to show that Jesus of Nazareth was the promised Messiah — he "of whom Moses in the law and the prophets did write" — and that in him the ancient prophecies had their fulfillment. This book is full of allusions to passages of the Old Testament which the book interprets as predicting and foreshadowing Jesus' life and mission. This Gospel contains no fewer than sixty-five references to the Old Testament, forty-three of these being direct verbal citations, thus greatly outnumbering those found in the other Gospels. The main feature of this Gospel may be expressed in the motto "I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill" (5:17).

This Gospel sets forth a view of Jesus as the Christ and portrays him as an heir to King David's throne, the rightful King of the Jews.

Some believe this gospel was written to the Jewish community, thus explaining all the allusions to passages of the Old Testament, however, see also Great Commission (which is directed at "all nations") and Interpretations of the Sermon on the Mount and Christian view of the Law.

Posada (Travelling Crib) – A Project for Advent

This year we will again be sending two travelling cribs on a journey around our community during Advent. Posada is a Spanish word meaning 'inn'. Posada celebrations originated in Mexico where two young people were chosen to dress up as Mary and Joseph. They used to travel from house to house in their village telling people about the imminent arrival of Jesus and asking them if they would give him a room. On Christmas Eve they would re-enact a community play and bring figures of Mary and Joseph to be placed in the crib.



The modern day equivalent is based on this concept, but enables different people to give a home to the nativity figures for a night. Beginning their journey at the 10am service on Advent Sunday (2nd December) the figures in the cribs will travel around the parish each day from home to home arriving in church at the Crib Service at 4pm on Christmas Eve in time for the first celebration of the birth of Jesus.

Posada has been encouraged in this country by the Church Army and many parishes now enjoy sharing in this special Advent project. We look forward using Posada to help people celebrate more meaningfully the season of Advent.

Christmas Carol Service at St Andrew's Sunday 23rd December 6 pm

Traditional service of carols and readings for Christmas
with children's nativity tableau
(children are welcome to come dressed as shepherds,
angels or nativity animals and join in the tableau)



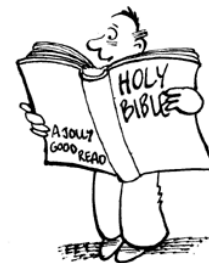
The total raised at this year's fair was £747.40. This is £94.99 more than last year. Not bad on the same weekend as Children in Need!

Many thanks to everybody involved for all the hard work and time given so generously and for everyone who came and supported the event.

BIBLE HISTORY

This is part 14 in a series of articles written by Michael Baumber

EZRA AND NEHEMIAH



Darius was succeeded by Xerxes or Asahuerus as he is sometimes called, the king whose attempts to conquer Greece were thwarted by the battles of Thermopylae, Salamis and Marathon. The only book which relates to his reign is Esther which is now universally regarded as fiction. He was succeeded by Artaxerxes I. He appears to be the king referred to in the books of Nehemiah and Ezra though we cannot be quite certain because a respectable minority of scholars think that he might have been Artaxerxes II who reigned half a century later. There is also a good deal of confusion as to who came first, Ezra or Nehemiah. I have plumped for Ezra. If that is the right sequence Ezra would have returned with his supporters around 458 BC. The result was immediate conflict which is portrayed as being between the Jews and the other peoples who had encroached on the land in their absence but it is clear that the Jewish peasantry who had not gone into exile were involved as well. Ezra called a grand meeting in Jerusalem at which he read from a law book. What it was has been disputed but it may well have been the book we call Leviticus. Ezra then attempted to separate the Jews from the rest not only by banning intermarriage with other races for the future but also by forcing those who were already married to divorce their partners. He also attempted to drive other races out of Judaea and rebuffed an attempt by the Samaritans to effect an accommodation.

Predictably there was uproar with the local officials siding with the opposition to Ezra. Fortunately for Ezra he had an ally who had the ear of Artaxerxes. His name was Nehemiah and he tells us that he was the king's cupbearer. In 444 BC he was sent with the king's authority to establish Jewish control over Judaea. His first step was to reconstruct the defences of Jerusalem and the difficulties he encountered are described at length. Once they had a defensible stronghold once more the Jews were in a much better position. Nehemiah took a more pragmatic approach than Ezra, making a determined attack on debt slavery in an attempt to win over the peasantry but even so it took him twelve years to finally quell his opponents. Reading between the lines one of the most contentious issues appears to have been the local shrines or 'high places' much abhorred by the prophets. They were abolished and the Levites who had served them were added to the temple priesthood. In order to prevent them ever reappearing it was decreed that all sacrifices must henceforward be made at the temple at Jerusalem and the priesthood was forbidden to own land. The tithe or first fruits which had served them were similarly transferred to the temple and commuted to a temple tax of a third of a shekel.

Next month: THE END OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

Thank you

John and Anne Hall thank everyone for the best wishes received on the occasion of John's special birthday.



NEWS FROM THE CROSS HILLS & DISTRICT FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCHES



Open Air Christmas Nativity Play 4.00 pm Sunday 16th December in Sutton Park

The time is nearly here for our first open air production which will take place in and around Sutton Park including the local Inns. Come along and enjoy a different presentation of the Christmas story. A band will lead our singing, real animals will lead our procession. Why not come dressed in costume to add to the atmosphere. More information from Emma Bowskill, 633673 or Michael Cowgill, 633372.

A Crib for Cross Hills

During Advent a small Christmas crib will be on display in the window of the card and gift shop *Forget Me Not* in Cross Hills. The local churches are very grateful to the owners of the shop for giving us space to make a Christmas display which will be seen by many people shopping in Cross Hills.

The crib itself has been kindly donated by a member of St Peter's Church and is made of olive wood from the Holy Land.

Careforce Volunteer 2008

Following the withdrawal of Ricky Ghansa from his placement due to begin in September, Careforce invited us to consider a new placement to begin in January.

We are very pleased to announce that, subject to the granting of a visa, Paukhan Khup from India will be arriving here on 16th January to spend a year working across CDFC to continue and build on the work started by the Oasis teams. Paukhan is age 28 and is presently a lecturer at Trivandrum Bible College in Kerala, India.

Ministry to Nursing & Residential Homes

In the New Year a new initiative from CDFC will see small teams of lay people going into a number of our local nursing and residential homes regularly to take services for those residents who are unable to attend services in our local churches.

Over 40 people have volunteered to be involved which means that each team will have a couple of leaders, enough people to lead some singing and people to read and give a short talk/thought for the day.

The local churches see this work as an important part of our ministry to some of the less able members of our community, helping to meet some of their spiritual needs.

EMMAUS: THE WAY OF FAITH

The Emmaus Nurture Course is a 15-week course that explores: What Christians believe; How Christians grow; Living the Christian life.

Why attend this course?

For most people the journey of faith is a gradual discovery, a lifetime's exploration. The process of growing in faith affects our whole lives. There is no one point at which we can say 'we have arrived'. The potential to gain deeper understanding and knowledge and grow in love is always there. The course aims to support the individual on their journey by providing friends and fellow travellers. There will be opportunities to ask questions, learn and reflect.

Who is the course for?

The course is suitable for:

enquirers who are aware of their spiritual needs and want to find out what it means to be a Christian;

those who have recently joined Church but feel they have much to learn;

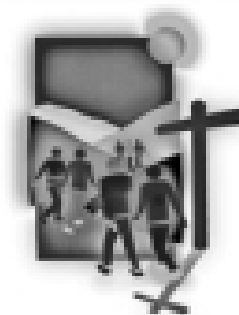
those who have attended Church for a long time but want a 'refresher';

those who feel there must be more to the Christian faith than turning up for an hour on Sunday mornings;

those wishing to be Confirmed.

The Nurture Group will meet on Wednesday evenings (commencing 9th January) from 8.00pm to 9.30pm (or 7.30pm to 9.00pm).

For more information please pick up a leaflet from the church or parish rooms or contact Robin Figg at the Vicarage (tel. 633307).



Rydal Hall- A Weekend Away Friday 16th to Sunday 18th May 2008

Rydal Hall is the Carlisle Diocesan Retreat House, located in the centre of the Lake District. The Hall is a 200 year old Grade II listed house, enjoying outstanding views towards Windermere. It is an ideal place to find renewal and refreshment for body, mind and spirit.



The programme for the weekend will be a relaxed mixture of worship, talks & discussions, fellowship and free time.

The cost will be approx. £110 full board, from Friday supper to Sunday teatime. For more information please pick up a leaflet in church or the parish rooms or contact the Vicar, Robin Figg, 633307. **To book a place please send a £20 deposit to Robin at The Vicarage as soon as possible.**

Christmas shopping with a difference

If you are still looking for that special present for someone here are some ideas that will really help to a positive difference is someone's life! The interest in "alternative" gifts has increased greatly which is very good news for people in the developing world. So why not investigate the following Charities and their range of gifts.

OXFAM. Their scheme is called 'Oxfam Unwrapped'. The website is at www.oxfamunwrapped.com



WOLRD VISION. One of the first to offer a scheme they have 'the alternative gift catalogue'. The website is at www.worldvision.org.uk



CHRISTIAN AID. Their scheme is called 'Present Aid'. The website is at www.presentaid.org



Roanan Keating, the pop star, said, "I have seen the value small-scale farmers get from keeping goats. So it's the kind of gift I would be really happy to give. To help transform someone's life in one of the world's poorest countries is the right thing to do."

Real gifts that are wanted, not wasted



**St Andrew's
Church Concert**
with

Malsis School Choirs

**Saturday 8th December
at 7-00 pm**

**£6/£5 concessions.
Children free**

**Tickets Available from
01535/653997 or at the door**

Refreshments

**In aid of the Lang Kirk 21
Building Appeal**

**Woodside Nursery
School Farnhill
Christmas Fair**

**Saturday December 8th 10 am—
12 midday**

Lots of exciting stalls

- Children's Books Clothes
 - Virgin Vile
 - Present Planners
 - Cake Stall
- Refreshments

**Everyone welcome. Further details
ring 01535 632330**



Letter from Stephen Tirwomwe (Mission Links in Kampala) received by email 27 October 2007

Dear Robin and the faithful at St. Andrew's Kildwick,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As I promised to keep you informed concerning the use of the 400 pounds you gave us, I am writing to update you on the plans for ALL SAINTS CATHEDRAL, KAMPALA END OF YEAR MISSION.

Vision:

It is All Saints Cathedral obligation to be a missionary church. Hence our vision is missionary. Being a church strategically placed in the city we need to reach out to the city.

Goal:

Our goal is for every fellowship and program to enroll in a ministry area. Only then can the cathedral be able to fulfill its vision above by continuously being involved in outreach through these programs and fellowships all year round.

Proposed Dates: November 25th - December 2nd 2007

Proposed Theme: "Great Joy in the City" Acts 8:8

(The month of November theme will be Mission in the City. So we launch at the beginning of the month).

Topics: Will be drawn from 1 John 3:16-20

Speakers:

1. Speaker from Nairobi - Rev. Steven Maina (General. Secretary for the Church Army)
2. Archbishop - Henry Luke Orombi

Venues:

1. All Saints Cathedral (Sunday – Wednesday - Sunday)
2. Kamwokya Slum (Monday)
3. Mulago-Makerere (Katanga) slum (Tuesday)
4. Mulago Hospital (Thursday- Friday)
5. Street Children – (Saturday)

Nature of Ministry:

1. Crusades for Mulago-Makerere and Kamwokya
2. Door to door for slums before Crusade
3. Home visits to Parishioners – for up to a month. (November 2007)

Who should be involved?

1. All Saints Cathedral – Ministries and Fellowships: Youth, Family Life (Mothers, Fathers, Young Married Fellowship (YMF), Destiny, Ruth, HIV/AIDs, Seniors), Children, Monday Fellowship, Anglican Flames, Mission Choir, 8 O'clock, 11 O'clock.
 2. Kamwokya Parish, Makerere-Mulago Parishes.
 3. Karis Family.
 4. Nakasero Child Development Center (NCDC)
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Preparatory Team:

1. Evangelism Committee
2. Youth representative; Pacesetters, Young Over-comers (YOMs)
3. Children representative.
4. Family Life (Mothers, Fathers, YMF, Destiny, Ruth HIV/AIDs, Seniors representatives).
5. Monday Fellowship, Anglican Flames, Mission Choir, 8 O'clock, 11 O'clock representatives
6. Prayer and Intercession committee
7. Interested Parishioners
8. Representatives from Kamwokya and Mulago-Makerere

Follow up:

This will be done by:

1. Follow up committee
2. Home Cells
3. Bible study and Monday fellowships
4. Kamwokya Parish fellowship
5. Mulago-Makerere church fellowships

In addition to preaching in word, we also shall preach in action. For example during last year's mission we gave material support to the people living in slums and other communities that are needy. We are doing the same this year.

We shall be making a report which we shall pass on to you on how we shall have used the money given to us.

Once again thank you so much for your love and support.

God bless you.

Stephen

Sunday 16th December

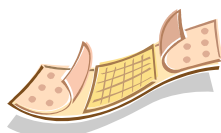


At the ten o'clock morning service on 16th December there will be an opportunity to bring items, as part of St Andrew's special collection for Advent, which will be forwarded on to JOY (Jubilee Outreach Yorkshire)- who in turn will take them out to

Rumania.

Dr Kathy Tedd will be speaking briefly about the work of JOY and the needs of the sick and destitute in Rumania during the service.

Items needed (**UNWRAPPED**) are:- medical supplies (bandages, dressings, plasters) toiletries, hygiene products, new underwear and socks and stationery items.

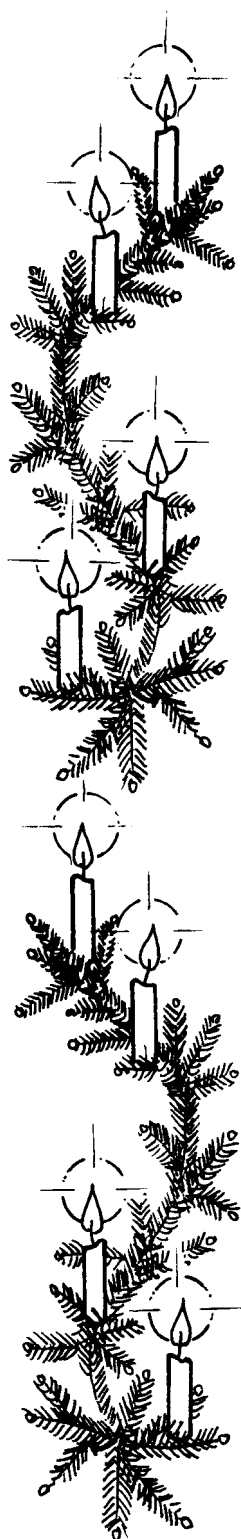


If anyone would like any more details regarding the charity or the items required please have a word with

Isobel 01535 653997



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For all December's joy and anticipation of the Christmas season it can be a difficult time for many, heralding as it does the beginning of long dark winter months, harsh weather, seasonal ailments and perhaps loneliness for some.

Recognising this, and the much harsher conditions of life which characterised their times, our Celtic forebears placed much emphasis on the coming of light and protection at Christmas.

Living much more closely to the elements and much more at their mercy than we do they had an acute sense of their dependence on God for both these most basic of needs.

Entering the winter months we might do well to reflect on the fact that the greater the darkness the brighter the candle appears when lit, and the more is its light appreciated - and after winter comes the spring.

A Celtic prayer for the Christmas Season

Almighty God, who by the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ dispelled the darkness of the world and gave light to all peoples, protect us as the darkness descends, and keep us ever in your light, and continue to enlighten our lives by your great glory. Through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen

'The glory of the Lord shine upon us, and scatter the darkness from before our path, that we may ever walk in his light'

This month's page was compiled by John Hudson

Advent Desire

Come now, high king of heaven. Come to us in flesh and bone. Bring life to us who are weary with misery. Bring peace to us who are overcome with weeping, whose cheeks are covered with bitter salt tears. Seek us out, who are lost in the darkness of depression. Do not forget us, but show mercy on us. Impart to us your everlasting joy, so that we, who are fashioned by your hands, may praise your glory.

From The Exeter Book, c.950 AD. Author unknown

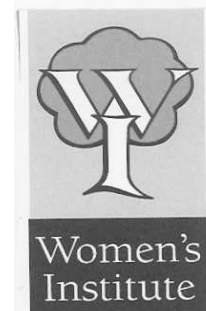
PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH

Our next monthly meetings to pray for the parish will take place on Tuesday 4th December in the Parish Rooms from 7.30pm until 8.15pm. For information contact Robin Figg, 633307.

Women's Institute News

Glusburn and Cross Hills WI - November meeting

Instead of having a speaker at our meeting on 6th November some of the committee had spent considerable time and trouble providing samples of furnishing materials and wallpaper, with pictures of furniture, in fact every thing for members to have a go at interior design. Some worked alone, some in groups, altogether a very social evening, much enjoyed.



The Federation Darts Competition is to be replaced in 2008 by a Federation Dominoes Competition, we were informed.

At our next meeting on 4th December members are asked to bring a small "mystery" gift, costing no more than £2. The speaker will be Julie Clarke, her subject "Christmas made Simple". Visitors and new members will be welcome.

Pam Brown

Kildwick with Farnhill WI

Hi! You probably thought that Kildwick with Farnhill WI had ceased. Not so. We just did not have a "Press Officer".

Our Annual Meeting in November celebrated our 15th birthday at the home of the President. Both the Committee and Officers agreed to serve another year and the annual reports were well received. We were reminded of the interesting variety of activities enjoyed in 2007 and look forward to 2008.

Members who went to hear Ann Widecomb were extremely impressed by her down-to-earth talk and no nonsense answering of questions. Lisa Preston wowed us with her Christmas cakes/decorations and has agreed a return visit next March with ideas for Easter. We learned the art of survival, visited the theatre, went to the Spring Council Meeting and Romania amongst other things but the highlight of the year was the successful kidney transplant for one of our members.

December will see us gathered for our Christmas Dinner .

We look forward to hearing from our contact at the Women's Refuge (we have supported them for several years now) in January - do come along. You can and bring toiletries or household cleaners etc. to add to our donations.

Remember we meet in the Parish Rooms at 7.30pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Meanwhile, we wish you and yours a Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year.

Jean Myers

BELLRINGING

At Kildwick we have 8 bells, but because of the lack of ringers we rarely get to ring them all at the same time. Don't be fooled into thinking there are lots of ringers when you hear the bells rung for weddings and practice nights, we get people from other towers for these occasions. The time to listen is on a Sunday when we only have our own. If we are ringing tunes then we are using the Elacomb Chimes because there are only one or two ringers available, not enough to ring the bells full circle.



Bellringing is a team activity, **without ringers we cannot ring.**

If you would like to learn or you are a ringer already you will be made very welcome. One of the questions usually asked is "do I have to be strong?" Answer—NO! another, "how old do I have to be?" Answer - probably from the age of 11, but the limiting factor is the size of your hands.

If you would like to find out more, you can have a go (with expert tuition).

Please call Peter 01535 655441 Practise night is **Wednesdays 7.30pm—9.00pm.**

We are a friendly lot and always welcome existing ringers.

Cross Hill Naturalists' Society (Founded 1904)

- 8th December The Society's annual CHRISTMAS SUPPER in the schoolroom. 7 pm.
- 13th Microscope Workshop

Microscope Workshops are held at the Senior Citizens' Centre, North Street, Sutton-in-Craven on the second Thursday of the month. For more information contact Robert McDougall 01274 599958



Many thanks for all who helped to raise approximately £600 for Martin House Hospice this year.

We hope to hold our annual Tea Party on Thursday 10th January at 2 pm.

All our regular visitors are welcome.

Please note Open House will be closed from 13th December until 10th January.

Regular Events at Kildwick

1st and 3rd Sunday 7pm-9pm	Craven Rock leaders meet for prayer	Ecumenical Youth fellowship
Monday 1.30pm	Bible Study at Low Green, XHills	Informal Bible study and fellowship, all welcome
Tuesday 10-11.30	Chuffs (Not in school holidays)	Fun for pre-school children and their grown-ups!
Tuesdays 10am	NottheKnot Group at Low Green, Xhills	Stitching and fellowship group.
Wednesday 6-30-7.30pm	Jets in Parish Rooms (Not in school holidays)	Primary school children's group
7.30 pm	Bellringing	
Thursday 2pm	Open House in Parish Rooms	Refreshments and items for sale
7pm-8pm	Choir practice	Burnside, Bucklar Hill, Farnhill



December

Sun 2nd Dec

ADVENT SUNDAY

10.00am Family Communion

6.00pm Advent Carol Service by candlelight

Dec 2.45pm Kildwick School Collective Worship in church

Sat 8th Dec 10.00am Directions Hearing re Lang Kirk 21 Project (Parish Rooms)

Sat 8th Dec 7.00pm Concert by Malsis School Choirs

Thu 13th Dec 1.30pm & 6.00pm Kildwick School Christmas Play

Sun 16th Dec 4.00pm CDFC Open Air Nativity Play (Sutton Park)

Mon 17th Dec 6.30pm Glusburn School Carol Service

Wed 19th Dec 2.45pm Kildwick School Christingle Service

Sun 23rd Dec 6.00pm Christmas Carol Service by candlelight

Mon 24th Dec **CHRISTMAS EVE**

4.00pm Crib Service

11.30pm Midnight Eucharist

Tue 25th Dec **CHRISTMAS DAY**

8.15am Holy Communion

10.00am Family Communion

January 2008Sun 6thThurs 10th 2 pm

Epiphany 10 am Family Eucharist

Open House Tea Party. (Parish Rooms)

Services at Kildwick

Morning Prayer is said Tuesday-Friday at 7.30am

Evening Prayer is said Tuesday-Friday at 4.45pm

Mid week Eucharist on Wednesday at 9.15am.

02/12/07	8.15 am	Holy Communion
First Sunday of Advent.	10 am	All Age Eucharist
09/12/07 Second	8.15 am	Holy Communion
Sunday of Advent	10 am	Sung Eucharist
	6 pm	CDFC service at St Thomas' Sutton
16/12/07	8.15 am	Holy Communion
Third Sunday of Advent	10 am	Sung Eucharist with prayer for healing
	4 pm	CDFC Nativity
23/12/07	8.15 am	Holy Communion
Fourth Sunday of	10 am	Sung Eucharist
Advent	6 pm	Christmas Carol Service
24/12/07	4 pm	Crib Service
24/12/07	11.30 pm	Midnight Eucharist
Christmas Night		
25/12/07	8.15 am	Holy Communion
Christmas Day	10 am	All Age Eucharist
26th Stephan, Martyr	9.15 am	Eucharist (Parish Rooms)
27th John, Apostle	9.15 am	Eucharist (Parish Rooms)
28th Holy Innocents	9.15 am	Eucharist (Parish Rooms)
30/12/07	8.15 am	Holy Communion
First Sunday of	10 am	All Age Eucharist
Christmas	6 pm	No service



Come and join us for our child-friendly

All Age Eucharist

on

Sunday 2nd December at 10.00 am

Church Rotas

02/12/07 First Sunday of Advent 10 am	First Reading - Isaiah 2.1-5 Second Reading - Romans 13.11-14 Gospel - Matthew 24.36-44	John Hudson Gill Jowett Libba Utley
09/12/07 Second Sunday of Advent	First Reading - Isaiah 11.1-10 Second Reading - Romans 15.4-13 Gospel - Matthew 3.1-12	Christine Anderton Sandie Walton Pam Brown
16/12/07 Third Sunday of Advent	First Reading - Isaiah 35.1-10 Second Reading - James 5.7-10 Gospel - Matthew 11.2-11	Marjorie Gee Lance Peake Margaret Jowett
23/12/07 Fourth Sunday of Advent	First Reading - Isaiah 7.10-16 Second Reading - Romans 1.1-7 Gospel - Matthew 1.18-25	Ruth Ward Lesley Hudson Kath Morris
24/12/07 Christmas Night 11.30 pm	First Reading - Isaiah 52.7-10 Second Reading - Hebrews 1.1-4(5-12) Gospel - John 1.1-14	Michael Baumber Barry Houghton Lesley Bannister
25/12/07 Christmas Day 10 am	First Reading - Isaiah 9.2-7 Gospel - Luke 2.1-14	Elizabeth Figg Isobel Stirk
30/12/07 First Sunday of Christmas	First Reading - Isaiah 63.7-9 Second Reading - Hebrews 2.10-18 Gospel - Matthew 2.13-23	Ruth Ward Sandie Walton Lance Peake
Flower Rota	Brass Cleaning Mrs. J. Roberts & Mrs. J. Bonham	Sunday 10 am tea and coffee
2nd	Advent	June Whitaker and Betty Hawkins
9th	Advent	Beth Taylor Marjorie Gee
16th	Advent	Ann Mosley Christine Anderton
Christmas	Mrs. Stirk	Joyce Bonham Libba Utley
30th		Maureen Vink Kath Morris
Church Cleaning		
2nd	Marian Baxter, June Whitaker, Mary Peake, Joan Tillotson	
16th	Lesley Hudson, Libba Utley, Margaret Jowett	
30th	Helen Hulley, Rosie Hargreaves, Sylvia Ackroyd	

Date	Sidesperson	Intercessor	Communion
02/12/07 First Sunday of Advent. 10 am	Joan Houghton Barry Houghton Sandi Walton Isobel Stirk	Peter Bannister	Michael Baumber
09/12/07 Second Sunday of Advent	David Baxter Libba Utley Christine Anderton Ann Mosley	Gill Jowett	John Exley Christine Anderton
16/12/07 Third Sunday of Advent	June Whitaker Pam Brown Brian Green Howard Stirk	Isobel Stirk	Gary McKinney Gill Jowett
23/12/07 Fourth Sunday of Advent	Eleanor Eastwood Dorothy Ward Christine Hutchinson Joyce Boden	Lesley Hudson	Michael Baumber Janet Swain
24/12/07 Christmas Night 11.30 pm		Isobel Stirk	
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30/12/07 First Sunday of Christmas	Albert Bonham Joyce Bonham Roger Dobson	Peter Bannister	John Exley

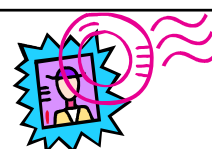
Pattern of Services – Winter Routine

This winter we will be making the same changes to our services as last year during November to March inclusive. The following services will take place in the Parish Rooms;-

- All Wednesday 9.15am Eucharists;
- All Sunday evening 6.00pm services (except the Advent and Christmas Carol Services).



Don't forget to save all your pictorial Christmas stamps, bring them to church and put them in the box provided.



FARNHILL PARISH COUNCIL

The Meeting of Farnhill Parish Council was held on the 1st November 2007 in Kildwick & Farnhill Institute.

The meeting was chaired by Counc G McKinney Chairman. Five members of the council were present & CDC & NYCC Representatives and one member of the public.

The ROSPA inspection and risk assessment for the Play Area has been completed satisfactory and the whole Play Area was quoted Low/Medium Risk. Clerk to ask ROSPA why it was quoted low/medium when no items were rated medium risk also to ask the best solution for the balance beam regarding cross cutting or surface texture. The corner seating has now been completed and the new seat put in place.

Clerk to report that lamp No 36 on the Back of Mary Street is burning all day and to follow up requests for painting the heritage poles and transferring the electric supply to the new poles on Gange Road and removing the old poles.

It was agreed by the Council that plans for a new lamp for Light No 29 on Newby Road and a new lamp & pole for Light No 34 at bottom of Starkey Lane should be put on the agenda for next month and money included in the precept for them. Clerk to enquire to NYCC about Modern Character Lamps.

The A629 (Snaygill Roundabout to County Boundary) has now been de-trunked and responsibility for maintenance now lies with NYCC. Clerk to write to Chris Craven about a low noise surface from Kildwick Roundabout to Cononly Road End and ask what the standard is for acceptable noise levels.

North Yorkshire police responded to the request regarding parking at the top of the Arbour on Grange Road. They stated that the speed limit is already 30mph and they would not support any proposed reduction as it would fail outside the Department for Transport Guidelines. NYCC would consider a very short parking restriction by painting Keep Clear each side of the junction. Clerk to ask them to go ahead as soon as possible.

It was agreed by the Parish Council to raise the precept by 6.5% on last year. This includes a provision for new street lighting to bring the lighting up to standard and a donation to the Kildwick/Farnhill Institute to help with costs towards ongoing refurbishments and a provision for other local donations.

A representative from The Safer Craven Community Partnership (youth offending team community workers) came to Farnhill to take a look at the work which was agreed for them to carry out. She will contact the Clerk when anyone is available. The Parish Council have to provide the equipment that they need to carry out the work.

The new waste bin has now been fitted on Newby Road.

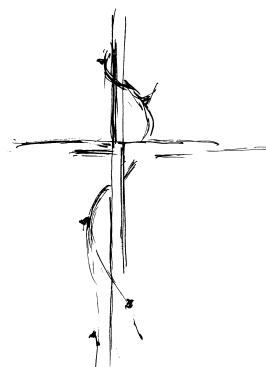
CDC & NYCC Counc M Wheeler gave an update on Community Transport & Funding from CDC.

NYCC have formally approved the spend for Skipton Bus Station but there are still changes to be made to the design. The Bus Stop review is still ongoing.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL 6th DECEMBER 2007
IN KILDWICK AND FARNHILL INSTITUTE AT 7-30PM
All members of the village are welcome to attend.**

The Cost of Faith

On November 18th within the morning service we remembered the Suffering Church. It was good to remind ourselves how very blessed and privileged we are, to enjoy freedom of religious expression. In many countries throughout the world Christians are persecuted for their faith. As Christians in this country we live a pretty comfortable life. We may have to put up with the odd insult or scornful comment or feel that our actions are misunderstood. However we are unlikely to find that our church has been burnt down and that a number of our congregation have been killed or imprisoned. This sort of event is taking place regularly particularly in countries where Sharia law is enforced.



Members of LEAP our world mission fellowship group, gave accounts of Christians who are suffering for their faith in a variety of countries, including the experiences of a young man from Bradford who had converted to Christianity and who had to leave the area because of the abuse and hatred he suffered as a result of this.

In 1 Peter we are told,

"If you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed but praise God that you bear that name"

It is a fact that Christians who suffer for their faith are often the very ones who teach us how to offer true praise to God.

The accounts we heard revealed to us just what can happen when people become intolerant of others and let that intolerance develop into hostility and violence. We reflected on the importance of looking at our own attitudes and asking, How do we relate to others who are different from ourselves?

In all communities we need tolerance and understanding and a willingness to learn from each other, as well as an awareness of God at work in unexpected places and through unexpected people.

For more information about the Suffering Church and the work of Barnabas Fund, take a look at www.barnabasfund.org or contact Sue Hargreaves 01535 633777.

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Thursday 13th December at 10 am
In the Parish Rooms

We meet again to explore in more depth the work of the mission agencies—we have looked at - CMS, with a particular interest in Kate and Tim Lee and family, Barnabas, and BibleLands. Please do join us



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This month's recipes

This is an extremely rich and calorie laden dessert! It is quite fiddly to make but very impressive for a special occasion!

Platter Trifle

- 8 ozs Pink and white Angel cake
- 8 ozs Raspberries
- ½ pint double cream
- 2 tablesps brandy
- 2 egg whites
- 4 ozs icing sugar



Method

1. Cut angel cake into small cubes. Pile onto a flat serving dish.
2. Sprinkle over the raspberries saving a few for decoration.
3. Whip cream until almost stiff slowly fold in the brandy and then beat until really stiff.
4. Spread evenly over the fruit and cake and chill for a couple of hours.
5. Whisk the egg whites with the icing sugar in a bowl over hot water.
6. When thick and white remove from heat and continue beating while it cools.
7. Spoon over cream and cake. Allow to chill before serving and decorate with the reserved raspberries.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms

Sunday 4th November Lola Binns, daughter of Charles & Dominique of Reading Wood Lane, Steeton
 Bailey Whitley, son of Mark & Julie, of Winston Avenue, Cross Hills

Wedding

Saturday 17th November Glen Metcalfe & Rowan Feather, of Spring Gardens Cottages, Silsden

Funerals

Friday 1st November Doreen Parkinson, of Cross Hills
 Friday 9th November David Evans, of Cross Hills

The Great South Run

I would like to start by thanking all those who sponsored me this year..so THANK YOU! I managed to raise over...for the Arthritis Research Campaign.

The race took place a few weeks ago on the 28th October, at 11.00 am. After another year of training the day had arrived, My family and I, and Kim my running partner, had travelled down to Portsmouth the day before. Luckily for me my Grandma lives only 5 minutes away from the start line, so unlike last year, at the Great North Run, there was no need for a pre race panic prior to getting to the start.



After getting up early my excitement was slightly dampened when I looked out the window and caught a glimpse of the weather. The window faced straight onto the sea front and the sea was looking formidably rough, with rain and wind battering against the window!! Not a very promising start, but refusing to be beaten Kim and I ate a rather large breakfast of high energy foods, wrapped up warm and made our way down to the start line to join the thousands of other runners all ready warming up.

We had to be at the start line by 10.00 am but our race colour didn't set off until 11.00 am so we were stood outside in the freezing rain and wind for a whole hour. This meant that when the gun finally fired we were already rather damp and stiff but definitely still raring to go. As we jogged forward and began to pick up our pace we soon began to warm up however, and soon we were running along enjoying the sights as we went. If you are a runner and haven't thought about running in this race I would definitely recommend it, as it is a very interesting route. You start off by running through the part of Portsmouth called 'Old Portsmouth' and through the dockyard where the Warrior (first iron clad sailing ship) and the Victory is moored.

I can honestly say it didn't stop raining the entire race which didn't really cause any problems until the last 2 miles. After meandering through the town centre, at the 8 mile mark you run back onto the seafront, and finish with a straight race down to the finish line. If the wind was behind us this would have not doubt have been rather enjoyable, however, this was not the case. The wind was most definitely in front of us, blowing us back the way we had come., which was most frustrating I must say!!! With sheer grit and determination (and rather tired legs) Kim and I pushed on and soon the last mile count down was in sight. This is such an exhilarating part of the run as you know you have almost finished and everyone is cheering you on. We finally crossed the line at a time of 1 hour 40 minutes!

If you would like more details about the Great South Run you can go to the website....www.greatrun.org

If you would like more details about the Arthritis Research Campaign you can go to the website...www.arc.org.uk.

Esther has collected nearly £200 in sponsorship from friends at Kildwick – thank you all for being so generous. LH

Children's page

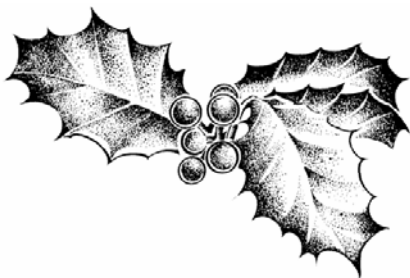


HOLLY

We sing about the 'Holly and the Ivy', and prickly green leaves and red berries are everywhere in Christmas decorations.

In Scandinavian countries the holly is even known as the 'Christ-thorn' and it seems that the name of the holly actually came from the word 'holy'.

The holly reminds us of the death of Jesus – the sharp prickles on the leaves are like the crown on thorns that Jesus was forced to wear on the cross. The red berries remind us of the drops of blood that came where the thorns hurt his head.



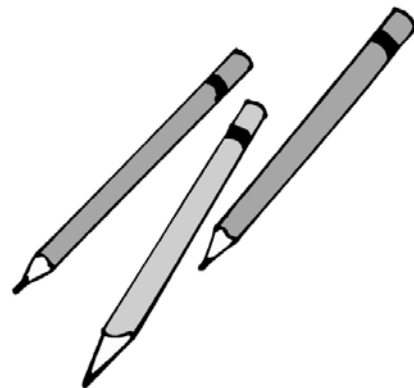
Holly is an evergreen, which means that it does not lose its leaves in the autumn, but keeps them all year round. And because its leaves are always green it is a symbol of eternal life.

SHARP PRESENTS

A quick way to make little presents for all your class and friends.

You will need pencils, glue (spray glue is best) and Christmas wrapping paper with a small pattern on it. Choose round pencils rather than the hexagonal type.

Cut a strip of wrapping paper wide enough to wrap around the pencil and as long as the pencil. Put glue on the back of the paper and wrap it around the pencil. When the glue has dried; trim away any excess paper with small scissors.



What did the werewolf write on his Christmas cards?

Best vicious of the season.

What do elves sing to Santa?

Freeze a Jolly Good Fellow!



Isobel's page

December is the month when most people begin to prepare for Christmas and thoughts turn to presents and trees, puddings and pies and it is the time when we have our first carol service at St Andrew's – our Advent carol service.

In medieval times there were strict rules what should be eaten during Advent, and even right up to Christmas Eve, as these days were known as the fast or fish – days of Advent. Meat was a non starter on a medieval menu and fish and sea- food dominated and were eaten in great quantities. Cooks came up with a variety of ways to circumvent the restriction with such things as 'mock cheese' which was made from fish milk, and beaver tails, a high source of fat and protein, were acceptable because the beaver lived in water!. Ordinary geese were passed off as the mythical Barnacle goose and, being a 'so called' product of the ocean, because they would hang upside down by the bill from a tree made up of barnacles, before, on maturity, dropping into the sea, were not restricted during Advent. However come Christmas Day, in those times, people would feast heartily but on foods that were available and popular during the year but produced in finer qualities and eaten in greater amounts. Many lords invited their workers and serfs to the manor house for Christmas dinner but in most cases everything, including the fuel for the cooking, was provided by the villeins themselves.



Moving on in time there was a period when the smell of roasting goose could bring great trouble to the cook, for Christmas under Oliver Cromwell was almost non- existent. After the problems of the Civil War Christmas became a holiday of celebration and enjoyment but Cromwell wanted it returned to a religious celebration when people thought about the birth of Jesus rather than eating and drinking too much and so banned it. Soldiers were ordered to go round the streets and take by force, if necessary, food being cooked as a Christmas celebration. However the restoration of 1660 ended the ban and a little further on in time within one month of George 1st claiming the British throne he was sitting down to a Christmas dinner which included Christmas pudding or plum pudding which had been the traditional dessert in England long before George came to England but which had disappeared under Cromwell- Oliver had actually banned the good old Christmas pud' in 1664 thinking it a lewd tradition with ingredients far too rich for God fearing people. However after it had been served to George 1st on Christmas day 1714 (he was afterwards known as 'the pudding king') it attained its former glory.



By the 1820s British writers began to worry that once again Christmas was dying out and Charles Dickens, in his book 'A Christmas Carol' played a major role in re-inventing Christmas as a holiday-emphasising family and goodwill but of course introducing Ebenezer Scrooge who himself had rejected compassion, philanthropy and Christmas until he is visited by the ghosts who show him the consequences of his ways. This is how Dickens described the Christmas holidays:-

'A good time, a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time. The time of year when men and women seem, by one consent, to open their shut up hearts freely and to think of other people as if they were fellow passengers to the grave and not another race of creatures bound on other journeys. It is good to be children sometimes and never better

than at Christmas when its mighty Founder was a child Himself.'

However Hans Christian Anderson in his story 'The Little Match Girl' turns the Christmas of Dickens, with the merry skating parties, the log fires, the sing songs around the piano, and chestnuts roasting, on its head as the eponymous hero walks the cold dreary streets, destitute and bare footed, peeping into the houses of the more fortunate-looking in from the outside at their Christmas.

Every year shops seem to start displaying their goods earlier and earlier and advertising that they are 'the' place for something' different, better and bigger or more value for money'. Apparently giving presents with a difference is nothing new as Louis IX of France gave Henry III of England a live elephant as a Christmas present!



In her book of 1850 entitled 'The First Christmas in New England' Harriet Beecher Stowe wrote in a character who claimed that the true meaning of Christmas was being lost in a shopping spree and certainly since the late 1800s the economic importance of that time has led to concerns over what is seen as the increasing commercialisation of Christmas.

Yes, it is good to celebrate Christmas with family and friends, to give presents and to eat well. We certainly would not want those celebrations to be a criminal offence as in the times after the Civil War but there is a happy medium and although little girls do not wander our streets selling matches anymore, if we really want to look, unfortunately, we will find a comparison in this day and age- the continuing tragedy of the Ceausescu regime in Rumania, children abandoned in orphanages in Bulgaria, children dying in Africa through lack of food and clean water, children being turned away from hospitals in the Philippines because their parents cannot afford to pay the fees, the ever growing violence involving young people in our large cities, children losing their innocence as they are recruited as fighters and families who flee their homes and countries because of oppression.

I am going to take it upon myself this December to be reminded, as tasks seem endless, and I struggle to find a recipe for beaver tail soup or I wonder how much Christmas paper it would take to wrap an elephant, to be ever vigilant for the 'little match girl' looking in, longingly, from the outside. Also as excitement grows, amid the hustle and bustle and busyness of preparing for the festive season, I must not forget the real meaning of Christmas when we were presented with the greatest gift ever given and that gift was a person- Jesus- the most valuable thing possible. God gave the whole world a present, His one and only Son, - a present for everyone- no one, no matter how poor, is excluded. As I finish my thoughts and writings for yet another year I end with those wonderful words from John and wish you all a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

'God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life'



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